

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 247

BY SENATOR LONG

POSTSECONDARY ED. Creates the Central La. Technical Community College. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3217.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:3232, relative to postsecondary education; to provide for the creation of the Central Louisiana Technical Community College; to provide with respect to the management, supervision, and operation of the institution; to provide with respect to program offerings; to provide for the awarding of certificates, diplomas, and degrees; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; to provide relative to accreditation; to provide with respect to performance agreements with the Board of Regents; to provide reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3217.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3232 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3217.1. Louisiana Community and Technical College system

A. The Louisiana Community and Technical College System is composed of the institutions under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges as follows:

(1) Baton Rouge Community College.

(2) Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier Parish.

**(3) Central Louisiana Technical Community College.**

~~(3)~~ **(4)** Delgado Community College.

~~(4)~~ **(5)** Elaine P. Nunez Community College.

~~(5)~~ **(6)** L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College.

~~(6)~~ **(7)** Louisiana Delta Community College.

~~(7)~~ **(8)** Northshore Technical Community College.

~~(8)~~ **(9)** River Parishes Community College.

~~(9)~~ **(10)** South Louisiana Community College.

~~(10)~~ **(11)** Sowela Technical Community College.

~~(11)~~ **(12)** All public postsecondary technical colleges which provide vocational-technical education.

~~(12)~~ **(13)** Any other community college, technical college, or other institution or program now or hereafter under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

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**§3232. Central Louisiana Technical Community College; creation, management, and operation**

**A. (1) Pursuant to the authority granted the legislature by Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana to create a new institution by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house, the Central Louisiana Technical Community College is hereby created and established as a multi-campus, public institution of postsecondary education. The institution and its programs shall be under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, subject to the appropriate approval of and oversight by the Board of Regents.**

**(2) The Central Louisiana Technical Community College shall provide a comprehensive educational program that meets the needs of the students and**

1 communities within its primary service delivery area. Such program may  
2 include career and technical education and training, workforce development  
3 training, adult basic education, continuing education, general education,  
4 associate degree programs, college transfer degree programs, and other  
5 educational programs and opportunities.

6 B. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College may grant  
7 certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, and associate transfer degrees as  
8 authorized by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges  
9 and the appropriate regional accrediting body as recognized by the United  
10 States Department of Education.

11 C. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College shall provide  
12 educational programs and services through the location and facilities that  
13 served as the Alexandria campus, the Avoyelles campus, the Huey P. Long  
14 campus, the Lamar Salter campus, the Oakdale campus, and the Shelby M.  
15 Jackson campus of the Louisiana Technical College prior to the effective date  
16 of this Section, and through any other postsecondary campus or institution  
17 which may become a part of the Central Louisiana Technical Community  
18 College or its primary service delivery area.

19 D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and  
20 the Board of Regents shall work closely with the Central Louisiana Technical  
21 Community College and the appropriate accrediting body to ensure that the  
22 institution and all program offerings are fully accredited.

23 E. All performance agreements between the Alexandria, Avoyelles, Huey  
24 P. Long, Lamar Salter, Oakdale, and the Shelby M. Jackson campuses of the  
25 Louisiana Technical College and the Board of Regents executed pursuant to the  
26 provisions of R.S. 17:3139 et seq., prior to the effective date of this Section shall  
27 remain in effect until such time as the Central Louisiana Technical Community  
28 College and the Board of Regents enter into a performance agreement and such  
29 agreement is certified by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical

**Colleges.**

**F. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall submit a written report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education relative to the status of the Central Louisiana Technical Community College, not later than January 1, 2013.**

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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## DIGEST

Proposed law creates the Central La. Technical Community College as a multi-campus, public institution of postsecondary education under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, subject to the appropriate approval of and oversight by the Board of Regents.

Provides that the Central La. Technical Community College:

1. Shall provide a comprehensive educational program which may include career and technical education and training, workforce development training, adult basic education, continuing education, general education, associate degree programs, college transfer degree programs, and other educational programs and opportunities.
2. May grant certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, and associate transfer degrees as authorized by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the appropriate regional accrediting body as recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education.
3. Shall provide educational programs and services through the Alexandria, Avoyelles, Huey P. Long, Lamar Salter, Oakdale, and Shelby M. Jackson campuses of the La. Technical College, and any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become a part of the Central La. Technical Community College or its primary service delivery area.

Requires the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents to work closely with the Central La. Technical Community College and the appropriate accrediting body to ensure that the institution and all program offerings are fully accredited.

Proposed law provides that all GRAD Act performance agreements currently in effect between the Alexandria, Avoyelles, Huey P. Long, Lamar Salter, Oakdale, and Shelby M. Jackson campuses of the La. Technical College and the Bd. of Regents shall remain in effect until such time as the Central La. Technical Community College and the Bd. of Regents enter into a performance agreement and such is certified by the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors.

Requires the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors to submit a written report to the Senate and House education committees relative to the status of the Central La. Technical Community College, not later than January 1, 2013.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3217.1(A); adds R.S. 17:3232)